



Agriculture Across Ohio

Red Meat Production

Commercial red meat production in Ohio totaled 21.3 million pounds in April, down 0.4 million pounds from April 2014.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.02 billion pounds in April, up 1 percent from the 3.98 billion pounds produced in April 2014.

Beef production, at 1.93 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.38 million head, down 8 percent from April 2014. The average live weight was up 32 pounds from the previous year, at 1,338 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.6 million pounds, 21 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 35,400 head, down 27 percent from April 2014. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 318 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.07 billion pounds, up 8 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.68 million head, up 9 percent from April 2014. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 284 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.6 million pounds, was down 10 percent from April 2014. Sheep slaughter totaled 198,200 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

January to April 2015 commercial red meat production was 15.9 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2014. Accumulated beef production was down 4 percent from last year, veal was down 23 percent, pork was up 7 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 2 percent.

Ohio Commercial Slaughter, April 2015

Species	Number slaughtered		Total live weight		Average live weight	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(Pounds)	(Pounds)
Cattle	8.2	7.3	9,628	8,467	1,189	1,172
Calves	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Hogs	74.5	76.8	21,022	21,313	283	278
Sheep	1.5	1.7	161	192	104	116

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Winter Wheat Production

Winter wheat growers in Ohio expect a slightly decreased yield this year, dropping 1 bushel from 2014. Ohio wheat growers expect to harvest 530,000 acres, down 15,000 acres from last year. Wheat production in the State is expected to be 38.7 million bushels. Winter wheat yield is expected to be 73 bushels per acre.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2014. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and up 1.9 bushels from last year.

Crop Summary, June 2015

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015
Wheat, winter						
Planted..... 1,000 acres	660	620	550	43,230	42,399	40,751
Harvested 1,000 acres	640	545	530	32,650	32,304	33,838
Yield..... Bushels	70.0	74.0	73.0	47.3	42.6	44.5
Production..... 1,000 bu	44,800	40,330	38,690	1,542,902	1,377,526	1,505,072

April Agricultural Prices

Prices received by Ohio farmers for the full month of April 2015 are listed in the table below. Some Ohio highlights were: April corn, at \$3.83 per bushel, decreased \$0.10 from March and decreased \$0.86 from last year; April soybeans, at \$9.83 per bushel, decreased \$0.27 from last month and decreased \$4.67 from last year; April wheat, at \$5.39 per bushel, increased \$0.10 from March and decreased \$1.21 from last year; April milk at \$17.30 per cwt., decreased \$0.20 from last month, and decreased \$8.50 from last year.

The April Prices Received Index (Agricultural Production), at 104, increased 2.0 percent from March. The Crop Production Index, at 89, increased 3.5 percent. At 116, the

Livestock Production Index decreased 0.9 percent. Producers received higher prices for broilers, cattle, onions, and hay but lower prices for market eggs, hogs, corn, and oranges. In addition to prices, the indexes are impacted by the five-year average monthly mix of commodities producers market. Increased monthly movement of strawberries, milk, broilers, and oranges offset the decreased marketing of corn, cattle, soybeans, and hay.

The Prices Received Index is down 9.6 percent from the previous year. The Food Commodities Index, at 111, increased 0.9 percent from the previous month but is down 11 percent from April 2014.

Prices Received by Farmers¹, April 2015

Commodity	Ohio			United States		
	Apr 2014	Mar 2015	Apr 2015	Apr 2014	Mar 2015	Apr 2015
Corn dollars/bu	4.69	3.93	3.83	4.71	3.81	3.75
Hay, alfalfa dollars/ton	165.00	180.00	175.00	207.00	172.00	184.00
Hay, other dollars/ton	110.00	110.00	120.00	156.00	136.00	142.00
Soybeans dollars/bu	14.50	10.10	9.83	14.30	9.84	9.70
Wheat, winter dollars/bu	6.60	5.29	5.39	7.07	5.55	5.50
Milk, all dollars/cwt	25.80	17.50	17.30	25.30	16.60	16.50
Milk cow replacements ² dollars/head	1,700.00		1,850.00	1,810.00		1,970.00

¹ Entire month weighted average price.

² Quarterly weighted average price for the months February to April

Milk Production and Income

Cash receipts from marketings of milk by Ohio producers were \$1.33 billion in 2014, up 15.6 percent from 2013. The average price of milk sold was \$24.60 per cwt, up \$3.40 from 2013. Milk production in Ohio during 2014 was 5.43 billion pounds, compared with 5.45 billion pounds in 2013. The milk

cow herd averaged 267,000 head, down 3,000 head from 2013. Milk per cow was 20,318 pounds, up from 20,178 in 2013. Ohio ranked eleventh among States in milk production in 2014.

Milk: Production, Utilization, Marketings, and Value, 2013-2014

Item	Unit	2013	2014
Production			
Total milk produced on farms	Mil. Lbs.	5,448	5,425
Milkfat produced	Mil. Lbs.	209.2	205.6
Milkfat	Percent	3.84	3.79
Utilization			
Milk used where produced			
Fed to calves	Mil. Lbs.	20	18
Used for milk, cream, and butter	Mil. Lbs.	4	4
Milk marketed by producers	Mil. Lbs.	5,424	5,403
Average return per 100 lbs. of milk	Dollars	21.20	24.60
Average return per pound milkfat	Dollars	5.52	6.49
Fluid grade	Percent	97	97
Total cash receipts	1,000 dol.	1,149,888	1,329,138
Value			
Value of milk used where produced ¹	1,000 dol.	5,088	5,412
Total value of milk produced	1,000 dol.	1,154,976	1,334,550

¹ Includes value of milk fed to calves and milk used by farm households.

Maple Syrup Production

Ohio maple syrup production was estimated at 115,000 gallons for the 2015 season. Overall, conditions were mostly too cold for sap flow. Production was down 15,000 gallons in 2015, compared to 130,000 gallons in 2014. The season lasted 27 days, compared to 30 days in 2014, and 37 days in 2013.

Ohio ranked eighth nationally in maple syrup production in 2015, contributing about 2 percent of the total U.S. production. Total Ohio maple syrup taps were 440,000, and the syrup yield was 0.261 gallons per tap. In 2014, Ohio producers reported 38 percent of sales as retail, 16 percent wholesale, and 46 percent bulk. The average price per gallon in 2014 was \$42.80, up \$5.90 from 2013. This large jump in price correlates with a larger percentage of the syrup being sold retail. The 2014 value of production for Ohio was \$5.56 million, compared to \$5.72 million in 2013.

The 2015 United States maple syrup production totaled 3.41 million gallons, up 6 percent from the previous year. All states with the exception of Ohio, showed an increase in production from last year. The number of taps is estimated at 11.9 million, up 4 percent from the 2014 total. Yield per tap is estimated to be 0.287 gallon, up 2 percent from the previous season's yield.

Cold temperatures contributed to a shorter season of sap flow than last year. The earliest sap flow reported was January 1 in Vermont. The latest sap flow reported to open the season was March 18 in New Hampshire. On average, the season lasted 26 days, compared with 29 days in 2014.

The 2014 United States average price per gallon was \$36.40, down \$1.00 from the 2013 price of \$37.40. Value of production, at \$117 million for 2014, was down 11 percent from the previous season.

April Milk Production

Dairy herds in Ohio produced 464 million pounds of milk during April, up 1.1 percent from a year ago. The daily rate per cow was 57.7 pounds, up 0.4 pound from April 2014. The dairy herd was estimated at 268,000 head for April, up 1,000 head

from a year earlier. The average price of milk sold in April by Ohio dairy producers was \$17.30 per cwt., \$8.50 less than the price in April 2014.

Ohio Dairy Summary, April 2015

Item		2013	2014	2015
Cows	1,000 Hd	(²)	267	268
Milk per cow	Lb/day	(²)	57.3	57.7
Production	Mil lbs	473	459	464
Milk price, all	Dol/cwt	20.50	25.80	17.30
Fat test	Pct	3.84	3.76	3.76
Protein ¹	Pct	3.11	3.10	3.08

¹ FMO 33

² Due to sequestration, only total milk production was published.

Chickens and Eggs

All layers in Ohio totaled 31.7 million during April, up 3 percent from a year ago. Egg production totaled 743 million eggs, up 5 percent from last year. The rate of lay during April was 2,345 eggs per 100 layers. On May 1, in the East North Central Region, which includes Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, there were 10 million egg-type eggs in

incubators, down 8 percent from a year earlier. In the same region, there were 14.6 million broiler-type eggs in incubators, up 2 percent from the previous year. There were 23.3 million turkey poults hatched in the U.S. in April, up 2 percent from the previous year.

Egg and Hatchery Production, April 2015

Item	Unit	2014	2015	Percent Change
Ohio				
All layers	Thou	30,717	31,687	3
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,315	2,345	1
Eggs produced	Mil	711	743	5
East North Central Region				
Eggs in incubators, May 1				
Egg-type	Thou	10,864	10,007	-8
Broiler type	Thou	14,355	14,639	2
U.S.				
All Layers	Thou	360,826	358,455	-1
Eggs per hundred layers	Num	2,274	2,291	1
Eggs produced	Mil	8,205	8,212	0
Turkey Eggs in incubators, May 1	Thou	29,017	26,895	-7
Turkey Poults hatched, Apr	Thou	22,800	23,262	2

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